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Spinning mills

* 492 *Q.*—SRI T. T. DANIEL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to start a Co-operative Spinning Mill for the benefit of the handloom weavers in the Kanyakumari district?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : A proposal to start a Co-operative Spinning Mill in Kanyakumari district is under examination.

* 493 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representations from the Co-operative Weavers' Societies of Erode taluk to start a Co-operative Spinning Mill in Erode taluk during 1960 as there are large number of weavers in Palladam, Erode and Gobichettipalayam taluks; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The application will be dealt with in the usual course.

* 494 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of spinning mills established and to be established in the co-operative sector;

(*b*) the number of spindles in each; and

(*c*) the number of workers employed and to be employed in each?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Licences have been granted for starting four Co-operative Spinning Mills in the State. A Co-operative Spinning Mill at Pettai has started production in 1958, two mills at Srivilliputhur and Nazereth are under construction. The fourth one at Salem is in the preliminary stage.

It is tentatively proposed to establish four Spinning Mills in the Co-operative sector during the Third Plan Period.

(*b*) South India Co-operative Spinning Mills, Pettai—16,000 Spindles.

Ramanathapuram Co-operative Spinning Mills, Srivilliputhur—12,000 Spindles.

Tiruchendur Co-operative Spinning Mills, Nazereth—12,000 Spindles.

Salem Co-operative Spinning Mills—12,000 Spindles.

A licence has been granted for another Co-operative Spinning Mill at Kancheepuram recently.

(*c*) 544 permanent and 38 temporary workers are employed in the South India Co-operative Spinning Mills. There is no scope to employ more workers in this Mill, at present. The question of employment of workers in the other three mills does not arise now.

SRI T. T. DANIEL : May I know whether it is the policy of the Government to have at least one spinning mill in each district?